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## EXHIBIT A

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HANGOUT 3 : the occupants or frequenters of a nest 4 a : a group of similar things : AGGREGATION (a ~ of giant mountains —Helen MacInnes) b : HOTBED 2 (a ~ of rebellion) 5 : a group of objects made to fit close together or one within another 6 : an emplaced group of weapons

**nest** *v* (13c) 1 : to build or occupy a nest; settle in or as if in a nest 2 : to fit compactly together or within one another : EMBED ~ *vi* 1 : to form nest for 2 : to pack compactly together 3 : to form a hierarchy, series, or sequence of with each member, element, or set contained in or containing the next (<ed subroutines in a computer program)

**nest egg** *n* (14c) 1 : a natural or artificial egg left in a nest to induce a fowl to continue to lay there 2 : a fund of money accumulated, as a reserve

**nest-er** \nes-tər\ *n* (1880) 1 *West* : a homesteader or squatter who takes up land on open range for a farm 2 : one that nests

**nest-le** \nē-səl\ *vb* **nest-led**; **nest-ling** \nēs'-lin\ [ME, fr. OE *nestlian*, fr. *nestl*] *vi* (bef. 12c) 1 *archaic*: **NEST** 1 2 : to settle snugly or comfortably 3 : to lie in an inconspicuous or sheltered manner ~ *vi* 1 : to settle, shelter, or house in or as if in a nest (the children were *nestled* all snug in their beds —Clement Moore) 2 : to press closely and affectionately (<a kitten in her arms) — **nest-ler** \nēs'-lər\ *n* **nest-ling** \nēst'-lin\ *n* (14c) : a young bird that has not abandoned the nest

**Nestor** \nēs-tōr\ ,tōr\ *n* [L, fr. Gk *Nestōr*] 1 : a king of Pylos who serves in his old age as counselor to the Greeks at Troy 2 *often not cap* : one who is a patriarch or leader in field

**Nes-to-ri-an** \nēs-tōrē-ən, -tōrē-ən\ *adj* (1565) 1 : of or relating to the doctrine ascribed to Nestorius and ecclesiastically condemned in 431 that divine and human persons remained separate in the incarnate Christ 2 : of or relating to a church separating from Byzantine Christianity after 431, centering in Persia, and surviving chiefly in Asia Minor — **Nestorian** *n* — **Nes-to-ri-an-ism** \nēs-tōrē-izm\ *n*

**net** \nēt\ *n* [ME *nett*, fr. OE: akin to OHG *nezzī net*] (bef. 12c) 1 a : an open-meshed fabric twisted, knotted, or woven together at regular intervals b : something made of net: as (1) : a device for catching fish, birds, or insects (2) : a fabric barricade which divides a court in half (as in tennis or volleyball) and over which ball or shuttlecock must be hit to be in play (3) : the fabric that encloses the sides and back of the goal in various games (as soccer or hockey) 2 : an entrapping device or situation (caught in the ~ of suspicious circumstances) 3 : something resembling a net in reticulation (as of lines, fibers, or figures) 4 a : a group of communications stations operating under unified control b : **NETWORK** 4 — **net-less** \nēt-lēs\ *adj* — **net-like** \nēt-līk\ *adj* — **net-ty** \nēt-tē\ *adj*

**net** *v* **net-ted**; **net-ting** (1593) 1 : to cover or enclose with or as if with a net 2 : to catch in or as if in a net 3 : to cover with or as if with a network 4 a : to hit (a ball) into the net for the loss of a point in a racket game b : to hit (a ball or puck) into the goal for a score (as in hockey or soccer) — **net-ter** *n*

**net** *adj* [ME, clean, bright, fr. MF — more at NEAT] (15c) 1 : free from all charges or deductions: as a : remaining after the deduction of all charges, outlay, or loss (~ earnings) (~ worth) — compare **GROSS** b : excluding all rare (~ weight) 2 : excluding all nonessential considerations — **CASIC FINAL** (*the ~ result*) (~ effect)

**net** *v* **net-ted**; **net-ting** (1758) 1 a : to receive by way of profit : **CLEAR** b : to produce by way of profit : **YIELD** 2 : to get possession of: **GAIN**

**net** *n* (ca. 1904) 1 : a net amount, profit, weight, or price 2 : the score of golfer in a handicap match after deducting his handicap from his gross 3 : **ESSENCE, GIST**

**nether** \nē-thər\ *adj* [ME, fr. OE *nithera*, fr. *nither* down; akin to OHG *nidar* down, Skt *nī*] (bef. 12c) 1 : situated down or below : LOWER (the ~ side) 2 : situated or believed to be situated beneath the earth's surface (the ~ regions)

**neth-er-most** \nē-thə-mōst\ *adj* (14c) : farthest down : **LOWEST**

**neth-er-world** \nē-thər-wərl̄d\ *n* (1638) 1 : the world of the dead 2 : UNDERWORLD 4 (the ~ of deceit, subversion, and espionage —R. M. Nixon)

**net-mind-er** \nēt-,mīnd-ər\ *n* (1937) : **GOALKEEPER**

**net-su-ke** \nēts-,kā-,kē-,ke also *'net-sū-* *n*, *pl* **netsuke** or **netsukes** [Jp] (1876) : a small and often intricately carved toggles (as of wood, ivory, or metal) used to fasten a small container to kimono sash

**nett** *Brit var* of *NET*

**nett-ing** \nēt-tēng\ *n* (1567) 1 : **NETWORK** 1 2 : the act or process of making a net or network 3 : the act, process, or right of fishing with a net

**nett-le** \nēt'-lē\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *netel*; akin to OHG *nazza* nettle, Gk *adikē*] (bef. 12c) 1 : any of a genus (*Urtica* of the family Urticaceae, the nettle family) of chiefly coarse herbs armed with stinging hairs 2 : any of various prickly or stinging plants other than the true nettles (genus *Urtica*)

**nettle** *vt* **net-ted**; **net-ting** \nēt'-lin, -nēt'-lin\ *(15c)* 1 : to strike or sting with or as if with nettles 2 : to arouse to sharp but transitory annoyance or anger *syn* see **IRRITATE**

**nettle rash** *n* (1740) : **URTICARIA**

**net-tie-some** \nēt'-sōm\ *adj* (1766) : causing vexation : **IRRITATING**

**net-veined** \nēt'-vānd\ *adj* (1861) : having veins arranged in a fine network (a ~ leaf) — compare **PARALLEL-VEINED**; see **VENATION** illustration

**net-winged** \nēt'-wīnd\ *adj* (ca. 1890) : having wings with a fine network of veins

**net-work** \nēt-,wōrk\ *n* (1560) 1 : fabric or structure of cords or wires that cross at regular intervals and are knotted or secured at the crossings 2 : a system of lines or channels resembling a network 3 a : an interconnected or interrelated chain, group, or system (a ~ of hotels) b : a system of computers, terminals, and databases connected by communications lines 4 a : a group of radio or television stations linked by wire or radio relay b : a radio or television company that produces programs for broadcast over such a network

**network** *v* (1887) 1 : to cover with or as if with a network (a continent ... so ~ed with navigable rivers and canals —*Lamp*) 2 : chiefly *Brit* : to distribute for broadcast on a television network; also : **BROAD-**

**CAST** 3 3 : to join (as computers) in a network ~ *vi* : to engage in networking

**net-work-ing** *n* (1966) 1 : the exchange of information or services among individuals, groups, or institutions 2 : the establishment or use of a computer network

**Neuf-châtel** \nūf-shā-tēl, nyūf-, nō(r)-\ *n* [F, fr. *Neufchâtel*, France] (ca. 1865) : a soft unripened cheese similar to cream cheese but containing less fat and more moisture

**neume** \nūm\ ,nyūm\ *n* [ME, fr. ML *pneuma*, *neuma*, fr. Gk *pneuma* breath — more at **PNEUMATIC**] (14c) : any of various symbols used in the notation of Gregorian chant — **neu-mat-ic** \nū-mā-tik, nyū-\ *adj*

**neur-** or **neuro-** **comb form** [NL, fr. Gk, *nerve*, sinew, fr. *neuron* — more at **NERVE**] 1 : nerve (*neural*) (*neurology*) 2 : neural: neural and (*neuromuscular*)

**neu-ral** \nūr-əl, nyūr-\ *adj* (ca. 1847) 1 : of, relating to, or affecting a nerve or the nervous system 2 : situated in the region of or on the same side of the body as the brain and spinal cord : **DORSAL** — **neu-ral-ly** \nūr-əlē\ *adv*

**neural arch** *n* (ca. 1860) : the cartilaginous or bony arch enclosing the spinal cord on the dorsal side of a vertebra

**neural crest** *n* (ca. 1885) : the ridge of one of the folds forming the neural tube that gives rise to the spinal ganglia and various structures of the autonomic nervous system

**neu-ral-gia** \nūr'-al-ja, nyūr-\ *n* [NL] (ca. 1834) : acute paroxysmal pain radiating along the course of one or more nerves usu. without demonstrable changes in the nerve structure — **neu-ral-gic** \nūr'-ik\ *adj*

**neural net** *n* (1949) : a computer architecture in which a number of processors are interconnected in a manner suggestive of the connections between neurons in a human brain and which is able to learn by a process of trial and error — called also **neural network**

**neural plate** *n* (1888) : a thickened plate of ectoderm along the dorsal midline of the early vertebrate embryo that gives rise to the neural midline and crests

**neural tube** *n* (1888) : the hollow longitudinal dorsal tube formed by infolding and subsequent fusion of the opposite ectodermal folds in the vertebrate embryo that gives rise to the brain and spinal cord

**neur-amin-ic acid** \nūr'-ə-mī-nō-dās, nyūr-, -dāz\ *n* [*Neuraminic acid*, an amino acid + -ide + -ase] (1956) : a glycosidase that splits mucoproteins by breaking a glucoside link and occurs esp. in influenza viruses as an antigen

**neur-as-the-nia** \nūr'-əs-'thē-nē-ə, nyūr-\ *n* [NL] (1856) : an emotional and psychic disorder that is characterized esp. by easy fatigability and often by lack of motivation, feelings of inadequacy, and psychosomatic symptoms — **neur-as-thenic** \nūr'-ə-nik, -'thē-\ *adj* or *n* — **neur-as-then-i-cal** \nūr'-ə-nik-səlē\ *adj*

**neu-ri-lem-ma** \nūr'-ə-le-mō, nyūr-\ *n* [NL, fr. *neur-* + Gk *eilema* covering, coil, fr. *eilein* to wind; akin to Gk *eilein* to wrap — more at **VOLUBLE**] (1852) : the plasma membrane surrounding a Schwann cell of a myelinated nerve fiber and separating layers of myelin — **neu-ri-lem-mal** \nūr'-ə-le-mōl\ *adj*

**neu-ri-tis** \nūr'-ə-təs, nyūr-\ *n*, *pl* **-rit-i-des** \nūr'-ə-tā-dēz\ or **-rit-is-es** [NL] (1840) : an inflammatory or degenerative lesion of a nerve marked esp. by pain, sensory disturbances, and impaired or lost reflexes — **neu-ri-tic** \nūr'-ik\ *adj* or *n*

**neu-ro-ac-tive** \nūr'-ə-ak-tiv\, nyūr-\ *adj* (1961) : stimulating neural tissue

**neu-ro-anat-o-my** \nūr'-ə-na-tā-mē\ *n* (ca. 1899) : the anatomy of nervous tissue and the nervous system — **neu-ro-an-a-tom-i-cal** \nūr'-ə-na-tā-mī-kəl\ also **neu-ro-an-a-tom-i-cally** \nūr'-ə-na-tā-mī-kəlē\ *adj* — **neu-ro-anat-o-mist** \nūr'-ə-na-tī-mist\ *n*

**neu-ro-bi-ol-o-gy** \nūr'-ə-bō-lō-jē\ *n* (1906) : a branch of the life sciences that deals with the anatomy, physiology, and pathology of the nervous system — **neu-ro-bi-o-logic-al** \nūr'-ə-bō-lō-jik-əl\ *adj* — **neu-ro-biol-o-gist** \nūr'-ə-bō-lō-jist\ *n*

**neu-ro-bla-sto-ma** \nūr'-ə-blā-tō-mā, nyūr-\ *n* [NL, fr. ISV *neuroblast* embryonic ganglion cell, fr. *neur-* + *blast*] (1910) : a malignant tumor formed of embryonic ganglion cells

**neu-ro-chem-is-try** \nūr'-ə-chem-istrē\ *n* (1924) 1 : the study of the chemical makeup and activities of nervous tissue 2 : chemical processes and phenomena related to the nervous system — **neu-ro-chem-i-cal** \nūr'-ə-chem-ikəl\ *adj* or *n* — **neu-ro-chem-ist** \nūr'-ə-chem-ist\ *n*

**neu-ro-de-gen-er-a-tive** \nūr'-ə-de-jē-nə-tiv\, -jē-nā-rā-, -dē-\ *adj* (1907) : relating to or characterized by degeneration of nervous tissue

**neu-ro-en-do-crine** \nūr'-ə-ēn-dō-k्रēn, -krēn, -krēn\ *adj* (1922) 1 : of, relating to, or being a hormonal substance that influences the activity of nerves 2 : of, relating to, or functioning in neurosecretion

**neu-ro-en-do-cri-nol-o-gy** \nūr'-ə-ēn-dō-kri-nō-lō-jē\ *n* (1922) : a branch of the life sciences dealing with neurosecretion and the physiological interaction between the central nervous system and the endocrine system — **neu-ro-en-do-cri-no-logic-al** \nūr'-ə-ēn-dō-kri-nō-lō-jik-əl\, -krēn-əl\ *adj* — **neu-ro-en-do-cri-nol-o-gist** \nūr'-ə-ēn-dō-kri-nolō-jist\ *n*

**neu-ro-fi-bril** \nūr'-fi-brēl, -fēl\ *n* [NL *neurofibrilla*, fr. *neur-* + *fibril*] (1898) : a fine proteinaceous fibril that is found in cytoplasm (as of a neuron or a paramacromolecule) and is capable of conducting excitation — **neu-ro-fi-bril-lary** \nūr'-fi-brē-lērē\ *adj*

**neu-ro-fi-bro-ma** \nūr'-fi-brō-mā, nyūr-\ *n* (1892) : a fibroma composed of nervous and connective tissue and produced by proliferation of Schwann cells

**neu-ro-fi-bro-ma-to-sis** \nūr'-fi-brō-mā-tō-sēs\ *n* [NL, fr. *neurofibromat-*, *neurofibroma*] (1896) : a disorder inherited as an autosomal dominant and characterized esp. by brown spots on the skin, neurofibromas of peripheral nerves, and deformities of subcutaneous tissue and bone

**neu-ro-gen-ic** \nūr'-ə-je-nik, nyūr-\ *adj* (1901) 1 : originating in or controlled by nervous tissue (~ heartbeat) 2 : induced or modified by nervous factors; esp : disordered because of abnormally altered neural relations — **neu-ro-gen-i-cally** \nūr'-ə-je-nik-əlē\ *adv*

**neu-ro-gli** \nūr'-ō-glē-, nyūr-, -rā-, -(y)ūr'-ə-glē-, -gli-\ *n* [NL, fr. *neur-* + MGk *glia* glue — more at **CLAY**] (1873) : supporting tissue intermingled with the essential elements of nervous tissue esp. in the brain, spinal cord, and ganglia — **neu-ro-gli-al** \nūr'-əlē\ *adj*

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